



## Today's Prayer

Listen or read the Prayer for the Day and join in with thousands of others saying these words.

[Today's Prayer | The Church of England](#)

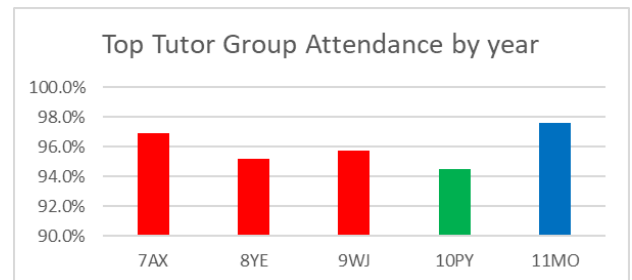
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Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday, the Deaf Resource Base entertained our community with a spectacular concert working in partnership with Britten Sinfonia, Suffolk Archives, Orchestra Live and Westgate Primary School. The music was exhilarating and an amazing achievement for our students. The concert celebrated the life and work of deaf photographer Walton Burrell and was a great chance to walk back into history with his photos, taken over 100 years ago.



## Friday 8 December 2023



## Christmas Lunches

A final reminder that Christmas lunches will take place on Tuesday 12 December for students in Years 7 and 8, and on Wednesday 13 December for students in Years 9,10 and 11.

Tickets are available from Student Services.

Please see this link for further information:

[Christmas-Lunch-Parent-Letter.pdf \(king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk\)](#)

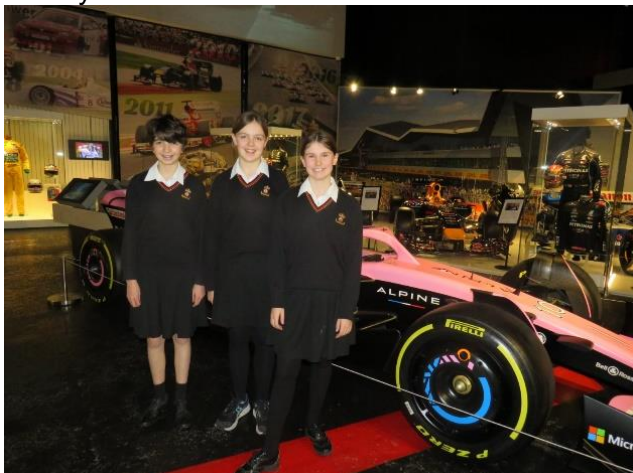
## End of Autumn Term 2023

The last day of the Autumn Term is Wednesday 20 December 2023. On this day school will finish for students at 1.20pm. We are unable to change the timings of the school buses so they will run as normal at the end of the school day. If possible, please make arrangements for your child to get home by alternative means that day but if this is not possible, they can stay in school, in the Library, until the normal end of the school day. For lunch, a choice of pasta or sandwiches, will be provided for those entitled to Free School Meals or those who need to remain in school, in Ed's Place only, from 1.20-1.45pm

## F1 in Schools Silverstone Visit

Last week, the F1 in Schools teams visited Silverstone to be inspired for their upcoming regional finals. The students visited the museum, gaining knowledge and ideas for their team branding and car designs, followed by an interesting workshop on F1 car design. To top

the day off, students had a go at the purpose built Scalextric track competing against each other to become 'F1' champions. A great day was had by all!



pupils from local primary schools whilst Year 9 Leaders (pictured above) helped run a SEND Festival for Year 4-6. They led groups in Soft Archery, Curling and Unihoc, adapting the activities where necessary to suit the pupils in their care, drawing high praise from the teachers accompanying the primary pupils.

### U14s Bow Out in Cruellest Way

King Edward's U14 Football team bowed out of the West Suffolk Cup on penalties after a 4-4 draw with bogey-side Mildenhall. Goals came from Ned (2), Josh and Troy. King Edward's had led 3-1 with 20 minutes to go.

### U13 Dodgeball Teams

Students from Year 8 represented King Edwards in a Dodgeball tournament with County High this week with one of the teams finishing 2nd.



### Netball Success!

The Year 8 Netball Team beat Stowmarket yesterday, 12-1. Fantastic result for the team!



### King Edward VI School Leaders Success



Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders have recently completed a six-week Activity Volunteer Programme Course and have been putting their newly learnt skills to use. Year 10 Leaders were involved in a Multi-Skills Festival for Year 3&4

### Year 11 - Further Education Opportunities

This week, the Year 11 students have been allocated time to apply for further education opportunities. They have made fantastic progress, with approximately 70% of students applied or in the process of applying for their Post-16 Pathway. Places can be highly competitive, please encourage your child to complete their application before January 2024. To avoid absence from GCSE lessons, applications should be completed in student's own time. Please do not hesitate to contact the school's Careers Co-ordinator Miss Granger (TLG@king-edward.suffolk.sch.uk) if you or your child require any assistance. Alternatively, students can make an appointment during break

or lunchtime with Miss Granger. If parents wish to discuss their child's application, please email Miss Granger.

### **Maths Classroom Volunteers**

If you can spare the time, we are looking for a group of parents/carers/grandparents or family members to volunteer in Maths lessons. You do not need to be great at Maths, just eager to learn. It would be ideal if you could do it on a weekly basis. If you are interested then contact Mr Woodhouse, Subject Leader of Maths. [wd@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:wd@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)

### **School Trips**

The school has updated the way it gathers student information and parental consent for trips. This information will now be requested and recorded online via a web-based system called EVOLVE, hosted by EduFocus (a service provider to many schools, colleges, and local authorities). Trip forms and consent will now be emailed for you to complete on your phone or PC; there will be no requirement to send in paper copies of forms. The system also allows you to upload attachments - for example, for overseas trips it will enable you to upload photos of travel documents (e.g. passports, GHIC cards) and medical letters (e.g. prescription drug letters from your GP). All information gathered will be stored on EVOLVE's web-based system; a secure system that uses advanced firewalls, enterprise-level virus protection and SSL encryption. No attachments will be printed or copied and at the end of the trip all hard attachments will be deleted from the database.

### **'Behaviour Safe At Home' training course.**

Behaviour Safe At Home supports parents, carers and family members living with children who display extreme behaviours, to improve the safety of everyone. The focus of the programme is on early intervention, to help prevent the behaviour escalating and to reduce the need for restrictive interventions. Meaningful and focused guidance is given to help parent/carers make appropriate positive choices when managing difficult behaviours.

Two-day courses will be delivered by Bells Croft Consultancy on the following dates:

- 16 and 23 January 2024 – Sudbury
- 6 and 13 February 2024 – Bury St Edmunds
- 5 and 12 March 2024 – Ipswich

Prices are:

£30.00 for one parent/carer

£50.00 for two parent/carers

Please note these courses are heavily subsidised with the original cost being £200.00 per person.

Therefore, the booking fee is non-refundable.

Please contact us at

[aufamilyadvice@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:aufamilyadvice@suffolk.gov.uk) for a booking form, go on our waiting list or receive further information.

### **School Website**

We have been updating the SEND section of the school website. We have created a parent information page which will be updated regularly. It contains support materials and details of upcoming courses and local events. Please follow the link to find out more: <https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk/main-school/school-prospectus/sen/parent-information/>

### **Year 8 Pupil Passport Event**

On Thursday 14 December, the Learning Support Department will be writing Pupil Passports for Year 8 SEN students. If you would like to book an appointment, please contact our SENCo, Mrs Farrow (FY@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk).

### **SEND Survey**

[Suffolk's SEND Strategy 2024-2028](#)

As part of the consultation from Suffolk Council, please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the short survey

### **Message from Safeguarding**

To reinforce our Mobile Phone Policy, please refrain from communicating directly with your child when they are in school. If you need to get an urgent message to them, this can be communicated through Reception or the Pastoral team on your behalf. Rest assured, if they need to call you for some reason, they can go to their Year Base to do so.

In order to support site security, if you need to drop something off to your child in an emergency, please can you do this via Reception, and we will enable this to be delivered.

**Eds Eco-Club Festive Bake sale**

The Eco-Club will be holding a bake sale to raise funds for future environmental improvements for the school community.

If any parent/carer wishes to donate a festive treat that can be sold, then please send your child in with it on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and place in reception.

Any vegan or gluten free donations would be most welcome. Please avoid including any nut ingredients.

Thank you,

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Old Burians' Association  
Former Students of King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds

**PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2024**

The theme for this year is **Motion ...**

PRIZES	
Fourth Prize	£10
Third Prize	£20
Second Prize	£30
<b>FIRST PRIZE</b>	<b>£50</b>

The winning entries will be published in the 2024 "Old Burian" Magazine and on the www.oldburians.org website

**ONE ENTRY PER PERSON  
ENTRY IS FREE!**

**HOW TO ENTER**  
Send your photo as an attachment (any common picture format, but at least 1600x1200 pixels, please) to: [OBphotocomp@mail.com](mailto:OBphotocomp@mail.com) by 15 February 2024

**Don't forget -**  
Please include:  
Your full name  
Your date of birth  
Your college  
The date your photo was taken (must be between 5 June 2023 and 14 February 2024)

Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a restful weekend.



Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary	
<a href="#">Term Dates for 2023-2024</a> and additional information can be found on the <a href="#">calendar page</a> of the website	
12 Dec	Christmas Lunch Years 7, 8
13 Dec	Christmas Lunch Years 9,10,11
14 Dec	Christmas Concert 7.30pm
20 Dec	End of term 1.20pm finish
4 Jan 2024	Start of term for all students

Thought for the Week

**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.**

1 Corinthians 13

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